



**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023

**Meeting Time:** 7:00 P.M.

**Meeting Location:** City Hall, 118 Hillsboro Ave.  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION JULY 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Ryan Downey, Chair  
Jennifer Wilkins

Joe Hutton  
David Lott  
Suzanne Oberholtzer, Secretary

Barb Stamer  
Kathryn Biarkis, Associate

1. Call to Order - Ryan Downey called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Ryan Downey, Suzanne Oberholtzer, David Lott, Joe Hutton, Kathryn Biarkis

Absent: Barb Stamer, Jennifer Wilkins,

3. Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission

4. Certificates of Appropriateness

a. 212 Hale Avenue – Motion to Discuss: Joe Hutton, seconded by David Lott. David Lott, motion to table until August (due to lack of info), Seconded by Joe Hutton. Vote yes to table: Suzanne Oberholtzer, Ryan Downey, David Lott, Joe Hutton.

b. 722 Holyoake Rd (Children's Museum) – Kristin Fries, Executive Director speaking. Requesting approval on shade sail for the children's roadway area. Joe Hutton moved to discuss, seconded by David Lott. Joe Hutton moved to accept project as described. Seconded by Ryan Downey. Vote yes to approve: Suzanne Oberholtzer, Ryan Downey, David Lott, Joe Hutton.

c. 918 Holyoake – Demolition of non-historic addition. David Lott moved to discuss, seconded by Joe Hutton. Joe Hutton moved to accept as described, seconded by Ryan Downey. Vote yes to approve: Suzanne Oberholtzer, Ryan Downey, David Lott, Joe Hutton.

d. 108 W. Franklin – new placement of windows

Motion to discuss: Joe Hutton, Ryan Downey seconded. After discussion, Joe Hutton moved to accept the request with the following conditions:

1. Reconstruction of frame back walls on the existing footprint is allowable.
2. Deleting two (2) windows on east side wall is allowable. Masonry infill will be recessed by one (1) inch.

3. Proposed vinyl casement windows and doors are acceptable.
4. Fascia and Soffit may be replaced with AZEK or Hardie Board.
5. 0.044" vinyl siding will be required.

Motion was seconded by David Lott. Vote yes to approve with conditions: Suzanne Oberholtzer, Ryan Downey, David Lott, Joe Hutton.

#### 5. New Business

A. Kathryn Biarkis proposed that we research the possibility of landmarking the murals by artist Miriam McKinnie Hofmeier, that were originally installed in the Edwardsville Public Library in 1958. The mural canvasses are currently hanging as framed art in the Children's Library. Per a conversation with Biarkis, library director Diana Sussman will bring up the idea with the library board this week and report back. Kathryn will share more information as it's available.

B. Suzanne Oberholtzer requested reimbursement for expenditures of \$87.28 made for the Edwardsville Time Capsule display at the Edwardsville Public Library. Joe Hutton moved to approve the expenditures and reimbursement, seconded by David Lott. Vote yes to approve: Ryan Downey, David Lott, Joe Hutton. Suzanne Oberholtzer abstained from the vote.

#### 6. Old Business -

122-126 N. Main - revisiting of additional questions on approved COA. Interior dropped ceiling apparently prevents the windows from reaching the top of the sill/opening as approved. Motion to discuss: David Lott, seconded by Joe Hutton. Suggestions were made to consider two options:

1. Research historical photos to see if the original windows had transoms above. If that is the case, consider going with transoms that can be blacked out to conceal the dropped ceiling. Or,
2. Bulkheads can be popped in to the dropped ceiling to allow for full length windows as approved.

Steven Stricklan will discuss with property owner.

#### a. Preservation Awards

#### b. Membership

c. HPC Organization - Kathryn Biarkis is working on a document outlining the history and past activities of HPC to be used as reference by HPC members. She also suggested that HPC work with city staff and other organizations (Madison County Historical Society, Edwardsville Public Library) to determine how to develop an archive of HPC materials.

d. Time Capsule - Joe Hutton reported that the existing time capsule is currently being remilled for re-use in the fall. Suzanne will work with Cathy Hensley to solicit suggestions for things to be included when the new time capsule is placed.

e. HPC Bylaws

f. Route 66 Festival - Kathryn Biarkis reported that James Arnold (Economic & Community Development) held a preliminary "steering committee" meeting to organize efforts working up to the Route 66 Centennial event which will be in 2026.

g. HPC Postcards - Suzanne Oberholtzer will work with Cathy Hensley to come up with a new proposed postcard.

h. BPAC Event

i. HPC Officers

7. Approval of June 2023 Minutes

Joe Hutton made motion to accept as presented, seconded by Ryan Downey. Vote yes to approve: Ryan Downey, David Lott, Joe Hutton, Suzanne Oberholtzer.

8. Staff Approved COA Report -

9. Financial Report

10. Correspondence

11. Committee Reports

Historic District and Landmark Updates

Stephenson House- Kathryn Biarkis reported that a lamppost has been replaced and that the grapevine arbor has been tightened

12. Adjournment - HPC President Ryan Downey adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

a. Next meeting: Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Minutes approved:



Date:

